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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

#### LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the East side thereof on Peel Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1317 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storyed TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15.56.  
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.  
The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl0

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. B. H. KIDD to sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road.

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl2

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

## Intimations.

PARTIES having left some Luggage are requested to take delivery of same as soon as convenient, but not later than the 31st March next. After this date they will be sold by Auction, the amount realized will be placed to the credit of their account with the Hotel.

V. FAYRE, Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers, Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl3

## Intimations.

### NAVAL & MILITARY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

WITH the kind Permission and under the Patronage of H. E. the Hon. Sir F. COLBORNE, K.C.B., and H. E. Vice-Admiral RYDER,

The above Sports will be held ON THE CRICKET GROUND, TO-MORROW, the 10th March, 1877.

### COMMITTEE:

Commodore G. W. WATSON, President.  
Lt.-Col. C. A. S. DICKINS, Vice-President.  
28th Regt.,

### MEMBERS:

Commander H. SALMOND, R.N.  
Lieut. W. S. P. GRAVES, R.N.  
J. E. C. GODRIKH, R.N.  
F. O. PIKE, R.N.  
W. HYNES, Esq.  
Lieut.-Col. HALL, R.A.  
Major BURTON, R.E.  
Capt. DUCAT, 28th Regt.  
Dep. Com. BAKER, Comdant, Dept. Art.  
KERNAGHAN.

### JUDGES:

Capt. COLOMB, R.N.  
Lt.-Col. DICKINS, 28th Regt.  
HALL, R.A.

### STARTERS:

Capt. DUCAT, 28th Regt.  
Commander SALMOND, R.N.

### PROGRAMME:—2ND DAY.

- 1.—Throwing the Hammer.
- 2.—100 Yards Flat Race.
- 3.—200 Yards Flat Race.—Heavy Marching Order. Open to Soldiers and Marines.
- 4.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.
- 5.—Final Tie of Tug of War.
- 6.—440 Yards Flat Race.
- 7.—Wheel Barrow Race.—Open.
- 8.—One Mile Flat Race.—Presented by the Royal Naval Dockyard. To be pulled by a Single Team from the Army, Navy and Dockyard Employees.
- 10.—120 Yards Hurdle Race.
- 11.—30 Yards Flat Race.—Open to Sailors and Marines of Foreign Men-of-War.
- 12.—Two Miles Flat Race.
- 13.—Sack Race.
- 14.—Final Tie of Tug of War.—For R. N. Dockyard Prize.
- 15.—Consolation Race.—For Beaten Runners.—300 Yards Flat Race.

Spectators are particularly requested not to pass under the ropes; a Grand Stand is erected for their accommodation. The First Race to be started at 1.30 o'clock punctually.

R. S. F. WALKER, 28th REGT., Hon. Secretary.

MURRAY BARRACKS, Hongkong, March 9, 1877. mcl0

## Intimations.

### LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.  
CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.  
RESERVE FUND, £250,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. au17

### THE MEDICAL HALL,

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1863.

T. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap23

## Intimations.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Brig "GARIBOLDI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, February 26, 1877.

## Intimations.

### MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

### ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

### POMMERY & GRENOS

### "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE.

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap6]



### NAVAL CONTRACT, 1877-8.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1877-8, viz.:—  
FRESH BEEF RAISING  
FRESH VEGETABLES WATER  
RICE SOFT BREAD  
SUGAR BISCUIT  
TEA

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 23, 1877. mcl6

## Intimations.

THE Undersigned has this day CLOSED their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors are requested to send in their Claims for payment not later than the 15th Instant. Those indebted to us will oblige by an early settlement.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO. Hongkong, March 2, 1877. mcl2

### ERNEST WASSILL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC Co., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 3, 1877. ap1

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST STEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

## Intimations.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

### VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Intimations.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MASTER & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE. Canton, December 31, 1876. ap3

## For Sale.

### SAYLE & Co.

#### GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' Boys' and Girls' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising FLANNELS, CALICOES, FRINGS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

### SAYLE & Co.

#### VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

## For Sale.

### CHAMPAGNE, 1874.

HEIDENCK & Co., MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mcl9

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### NOTICE.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"PEI-HO,"

Comd. LECOUTRE, will be

despatched for SHANGHAI

on SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. mcl0

### FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"LEONOR,"

Captain M. YOUNG, will be

despatched for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Day-

light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 6, 1877. mcl1

## Sailing Vessels.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship

"McNEAR,"

W. TAYLOR, Master, will load

here, and will have quick de-

spatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The 12 years 3/3 L. 11 Danish

Bark

"KORSOR,"

L. C. GROVE, Master, will load

here, and will have immediate despatch

as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### FOR LONDON.

A 1 British Ship

"STAR OF CHINA,"

BLAKE, Master, will load here

and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark

"SPIRIT OF THE AGE,"

Captain JOHNSON, will have a

quick despatch for the above

Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

#### FOR YOLOLO.

The 41 Spanish Schooner "UNION,"

MENICARCHEVARRA, Master, will

have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

## Intimations.

### BRITISH SHIP SIR HARRY PARKES, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

named Vessel are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-

signed for countersignature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877. mcl0

### GERMAN STEAMER HESPERIA,

JOHANNSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG

AND LONDON via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

Steamer are hereby informed that

their Goods are being landed and stored

at their risk in the Godowns of the

Undersigned, from whence delivery may be

obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of

their Goods from the Boats alongside the

Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th

Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless

notice to the contrary is given until Noon

This Day.



## Intimations.

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1876.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,  
G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1876.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Baker. — Douglas Lapraik & Co.  
NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford. — Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
RONITO, German barque, Captain J. F. Wessenberg. — Siemens & Co.  
ALDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes. — Rozario & Co.

TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt. Golden. — Meyer & Co.  
FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Scherer. — Melchers & Co.  
WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Captain Wm. Sivewright. — Siemens & Co.  
MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer. — Siemens & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain A. Longmuir. — Vogel, Lagerdorn & Co.  
ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen. — Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
TULLOCHGORUM, British schooner, Capt. S. Masson. — Chinese.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR LONDON.

The British Ship  
"ANGLO SAXON,"  
O. HARRINGTON, Master, will  
load here and have immediate  
despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 9, *Nestor*, British steamer, 1414, Webster, Liverpool Jan. 13, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 23, General. — BYTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 9, *Normanby*, British steamer, 1000, Reddel, Sydney Jan. 27, via East Australian ports, and Singapore Feb. 23, General. — GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

March 9, *Duna*, British steamer, 852, John Steel, Liverpool Jan. 6, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 27, General. — GILMAN & CO.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 9, *Peng-chou hai*, for a cruise.  
9, *Macgregor*, for Shanghai.  
9, *Thales*, for Cooktown.  
9, *Tamais*, for Yokohama.  
9, *China*, for Canton.  
9, *Bonito*, for London.  
9, *Canton*, for Newchwang.  
9, *H.M.S. Sylvia*, for a cruise.  
9, *H.M.S. Growler*, for a cruise.

## CLEARED.

*Norma*, for Swatow.  
*Jacobine*, for Takow.  
*Nehemiah Gibson*, for Cebu.  
*Preto*, for Tientsin.  
*Nestor*, for Shanghai.

## PASSENGERS.

Per *Nestor*, from Liverpool, &c., Messrs Drew and Archibald, Miss Algar, and 93 Chinese.  
Per *Normanby*, from Sydney, Messrs C. Dolsenhammer, F. W. Powell, and Furlonger. From Singapore, 1 European, 214 Chinese, and 3 Natives.  
Per *Duna*, from Singapore, &c., 17 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Hesperia*, for Shanghai, Capt. Nelson, and 120 Chinese.  
Per *Macgregor*, for Shanghai, about 100 Chinese.  
Per *Thales* for Cooktown, 460 Chinese.  
Per *Canton*, for Newchwang, 3 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nestor* reports: Had strong N.E. winds and heavy sea up to Paracels, from thence to port had light E.N.E. winds and fine weather.  
The British steamer *Duna* reports: Had had weather in Channel, left Holyhead on the 8th Jan. had strong Westerly and N.W. winds to Port Said, where we arrived on the 24th, reached Suez on the 28th, thence to Galle light winds and fine weather, thence to Aden Head strong monsoon and high sea. Arrived at Singapore on Feb. 23rd, and left again for Hongkong on the 27th, and had strong monsoon and heavy head sea to arrival.

The S. S. *Normanby* reports: Left Sydney at 8 p.m. of the 27th Jan. on the 28th at 11.30 p.m. anchored in Brisbane Roads, and left again the 1st Feb. Thence had light N.E. winds, and on the 3rd anchored in Koppal Bay at 4.40 a.m. Left again at 9.05 a.m. and had strong breeze with heavy confused sea. Arrived at Bowen at 4.30 p.m. of the 4th, and left again at 8 p.m. Townsville on Feb. 5th, 5.30 p.m., and Cooktown 8 p.m. of the 6th. Left Cooktown on the 8th at 2.15 p.m., arriving at Somerset next day at 4.45 a.m. Thence experienced strong N.W. winds with heavy squalls to Cape Jack, then strong westerly winds and dark cloudy weather. Passed through Sapordit Straits on the 9th at 5 a.m., and on the 11th passed Bowen Island, having strong W.S.W. winds and dark squally weather, thence to Singapore strong N.E. wind and fine weather. Left Singapore on the 28th Feb., and thence to port strong N.E. winds and cloudy weather with heavy head sea.

## CARGO.

Per *Ottawa*, sailed 3rd March, 1877:—  
For Yokohama, 8,512 bags Sugar, 40 cases Castor Oil, 27 pkgs. Manila Rope, and 197 pkgs. Merchandise. For San Francisco, 27,715 bags Rice, 230 bags Beans, 139 bags

Sugar, 5 chests Persian Opium, 31 boxes Prepared Opium, 140 bales Hessian Cloth, 60 pkgs Tea, 1 pkgs. Silks, 100 rolls Matting, 800 Empty Quickfiller Flasks, and 2,781 pkgs. Merchandise. For New York, 2 pkgs. Merchandise, and 10 cases Silks.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—

For JEDDAH, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

For PEIHO, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 10th inst.; late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30.

For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON.—

For PATROULUS, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For SAIGON.—

For Schooner FORMOSA, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

For NESTOR, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.

For HAIPHONG.—

For Schooner TULLOCHGORUM, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 12th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet TRAVANCORE will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 15th inst.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 14th.

6 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 15th.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FAX of 18 cents extra postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. me15

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet ALASKA will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, March 8, 1877. me20

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet ANADYR will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 22nd inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet, but can be paid only as far as Ceylon. The postage to Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked *paid to Galle only*; they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 21st inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. me22

## General Memoranda.

Sunday, March 11:—

Daylight.—*Leonor* leaves for Coast Ports.

Monday, March 12:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at Rev. R. H. Kidd's Residence, Albany Road.

Goods per *Hesperia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, March 13:—

Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for the supply of Provisions.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Pei-Ho* undelivered after this date subject to rent and landing charges.

Claims against the Hongkong Photographic Co. close after this date.

Friday, March 16:—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Thursday, March 20:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Monday, April 2:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—*Pei-Ho* leaves for Shanghai.

## Auction.

Noon.—Sale of Ground and Property in Peel Street.

## Nearly Ready.

## "THE CHINA REVIEW,"

No. 4, Vol. V.

Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and a Half.

China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, March, 1877.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

## 香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' Sundries, Nursery Requi-

sites, Toilet Requisites, English,

American, and French Patent

Medicines.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,

Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla

Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and

continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 7.35 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

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## The commercial reports for 1875 from

Her Majesty's Consuls in Japan, which

have recently been issued in their usual

form of a blue-book, again afford us any-

thing but a satisfactory account of the

trade for the year in that country. We

have the old story repeated that Japan

is being yearly drained of an immense

amount of treasure through the imports

far exceeding the exports in value, and

that the only remedy for such a ruinous

state of affairs to the country is to more

fully develop its natural resources. A

comparison of the imports and exports, as

set out in these returns, shows there is a

balance against Japan of no less than

\$12,000,000, which she would have to pay in

treasure. Nor does the country exhibit

signs year after year, of improving in

this respect. On the contrary, in the

returns before us the imports show an

increase of nearly 22 per cent. on those

of 1874, while the exports show a de-

crease of 10 per cent. on those of the

previous year. We are, however, cau-

tioned in these returns against assuming

that the import trade with Japan is in-

creasing to the extent that these figures

might be supposed to denote, or that the

productive power of the country is on the

decline to such a degree. A large

proportion of the foreign goods included

in these returns, it is pointed out, has

been sold at a loss to the importers, and

although the production of Japanese silk

and tea in 1875 exceeded in quantity

that of previous years, it was exported

at lower values. The following table

shows that for four years the total foreign

trade of Japan has fluctuated between

\$44,000,000 and \$50,000,000, and that

the aggregate of 1875 is \$3,000,000 less

than in 1872:—

Imports. Exports. Total.

1872 \$28,158,441 \$24,294,592 \$52,453,033

1873 27,444,088 20,560,984 48,005,072

1874 24,223,929 20,001,687 44,225,616

1875 29,487,067 19,014,890 48,501,957

As we have previously hinted, Sir

Harry Parkes suggests that to ameliorate

this state of things the natural resources

of the country should be more fully

developed. It will be recollected that

a very valuable report on the mineral

wealth of Japan was published last

year from Mr. F. B. Plunket, of the

British Legation. He showed how

rich the country was in mineral re-

sources, and how little had been done to

develop them. In almost every portion

of Japan are found ores of some kind,

and although these are scarcely a district

in which there are not traces of mines

having been worked, yet most of them

have been abandoned, or are worked in a

very slovenly manner. In April 1875

it is calculated that there were in Japan

1,856 mines for which working leases

had been obtained, but the total yield

of the mines in 1874 was only 2,687,275

yen. Of all these only one had a shaft,

namely, the Takashima coal mine, the

rest being worked by adits or mere

openings, and the water pumped out

by means of bamboo pumps. One mine

was said to have as many as 300 adits.

The Takashima mine is a fair instance

of what may be obtained through foreign

machinery and skill.—In 1869 its yearly

output was about 35,000 tons. In 1874

it was 72,425 tons while last year it was

reported to be yielding as many as 735

tons per day, which would give a

yearly yield of about 200,000 tons. The

value of the daily output was then

computed at 5,000 yen of which

2,000 were net profit. The Japanese

work their mines on the same method,

with a few exceptions, as those followed

in ancient times. They never sink shafts,

and as the water gains on the miners

the mine is abandoned. No mines can



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